

BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



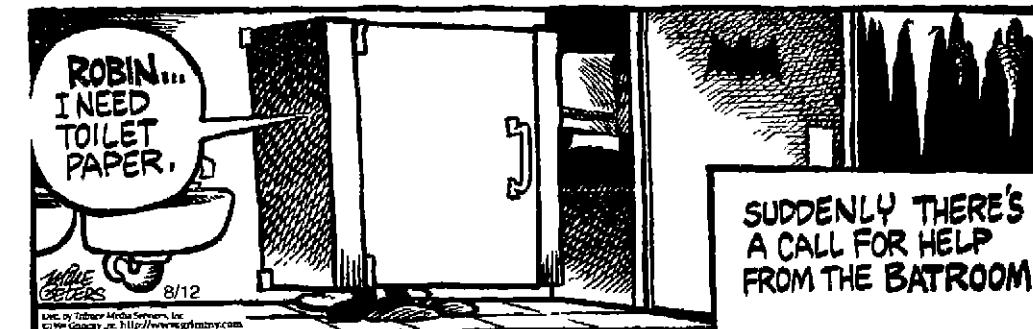
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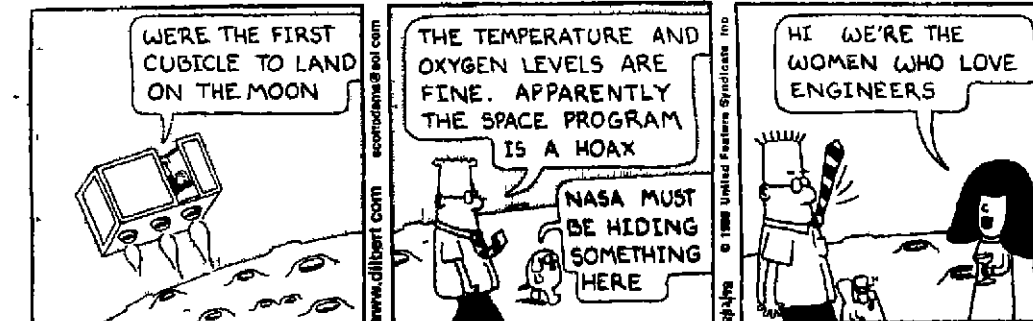
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



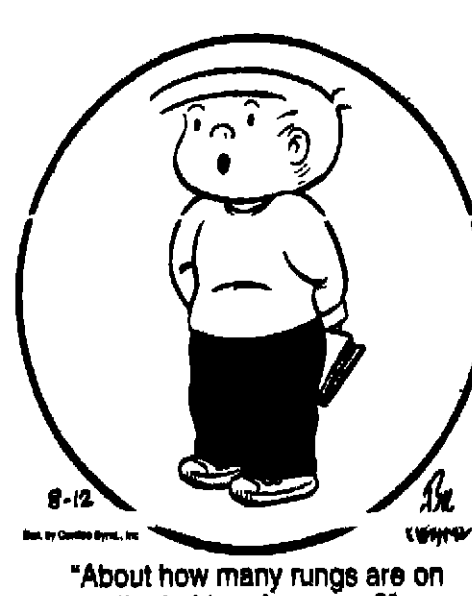
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Choreographer Michael Kidd is 79
Country singer Porter Wagoner is 71
Buck Owens is 69
Actor George Hamilton is 59
Actress Jennifer Warren is 57
Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 49
Singer Kid Creole is 48
Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 44
Actor Sam J. Jones is 44
Country singer Danny Shriver (Confederate Railroad) is 42
Tennis player Pete Sampras is 27

I NEED HELP



Lemont isn't clear on the concept of a dustpan

SCRABBLE

Y A S A E E P R
N T A O O R D
T S O U N U S
X E T T I E L

PAR SCORE 95-105
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified

WORD SLEUTH

"Grandfather" Around The World

DBYVSQNKHEBYWTR
OLSJGEBYWURPNKI
GDBUZXKVSQOMEKI
GECABO'ESTEFARYW
USQPNPDALJHFEEC
AOLEUBABPYCAPXV
USQPNMIPKDIVDSJ
HFECBZZYONNONAX
VUTEDEDYAZUAABJ
RQPOMLKIGUBARAH
IHGRETAVSSORGGE

Tuesday's unlisted clue: GANG

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: SPANISH

Av6 Dede Grosswater Papous
Babu Dzadek Harabugi Saba
Bestelar Grand-pere Jad Zayde
Bunic Grandps Nonno

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Aug. 13, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your mind is drifting toward your pocket-book and your financial goals are elongating.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your talents will be recognized, and you will make heads turn. Talk to strangers, but don't take any candy from them.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Experiencing something exotic is sure to lift your spirits to a higher plane.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Showing off your supreme domestic abilities will be a pleasant distraction from more pressing obligations.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Always the wishbone caught between the home and the office, you are at a crucial snapping point.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) There might be a getaway in your future. Traveling can be great fun.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You might get caught in an ugly battle between rival egos struggling for power. Remain a neutral party.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Items you always thought were yours might suddenly grow legs and start to disappear.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Something is bothering you, and you can't quite pinpoint the source.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Others will start to notice something you've known for a long time: how articulate and intelligent you really are.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If you're considering a big move or a fresh start, reconsider.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) People are really listening to you, so make the most out of it. Your actions will be remembered.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

According to today's South, he lost his game because he found two finesses offside. Dummy was more observant. His analysis was brief and to the point: "You should have taken measures to protect your diamond king," he chastised. With no attractive lead available, West chose to lead a trump. It was not a great choice on this bidding. However, in today's layout, only a clairvoyant club lead would have ensured defeat. Opportunity came and went for South when he chose a straightforward line of play. He drew trumps and took a losing club finesse. The diamond shift led to a speedy one down. How does South protect his diamond king as dummy suggested? After winning dummy's trump nine at trick one, South should lead a low spade and insert his 10. This loses to West's queen, and West belatedly shifts to a club. South declines the finesse and wins dummy's ace instead. He leads a spade to his king and leads a second trump to dummy's 10 to cash dummy's spade ace. On this he discards his last club, which allows him to take a safe ruffing finesse. As East has the club king, South enjoys two diamond discards and makes an overtrick. However, if West held the club king, the game would still make. West could take his diamond ace or lose it, leaving South with 10 sure winners.

NORTH
♠ A 9 6
♥ K 10 9
♦ 6 5 3
♣ A Q J 9

WEST
♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ 5 3
♦ A Q 8 4
♣ 8 4 2

EAST
♠ J 8 7 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 10 9
♣ K 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K 10
♥ A Q J 8 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 7

Vulnerable North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding

South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Heart trey

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0701

ACROSS

- 1 "Hey Mac!"
- 2 Nautical pole
- 3 Home of Iowa State
- 13 Bank take-back
- 14 Vacation destination, with "the"
- 15 Diminished by
- 16 Author — S. Connell
- 17 Vicksburg lithographs?
- 18 — de-lance
- 20 Goes phhhht!
- 21 List recipient
- 22 Jonesboro metal worker?
- 23 Conductor Zubin
- 27 Israel — (Irving Berlin, originally)
- 28 Yodeler's perch
- 30 Brit lexicon
- 31 Positive reply to an invitation
- 32 Ed's request
- 34 To boot
- 36 Oak Ridge highway posting?
- 38 Peppy
- 41 Cheat, in a way
- 42 Sahara rarity
- 43 Stella D — (cookie name)
- 46 Tic-tac-toe win
- 47 Cool treat
- 48 "Peanuts," e.g.
- 51 Erie lighthouse locale?
- 54 African tribesman
- 56 "Hurry up and

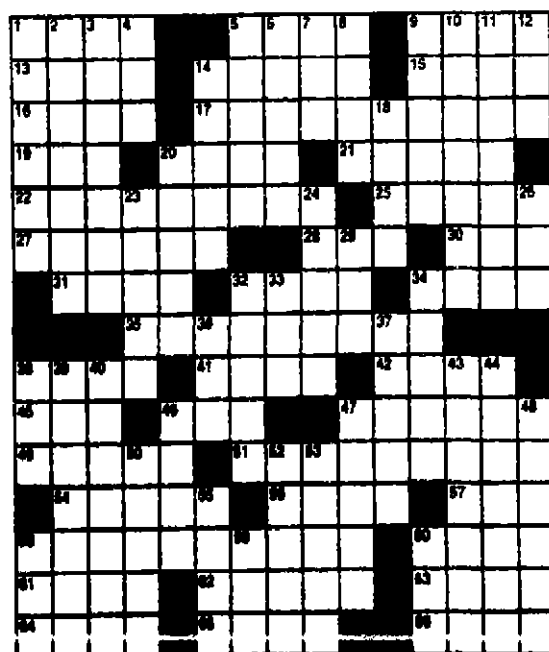
- 57 When doubled, a Thor Heyerdahl title
- 58 Mystic painter?
- 60 In the thick of
- 61 Erstwhile
- 62 Rest room sign
- 63 Construction wood
- 64 One on the go
- 65 Inscrutable
- 66 MIT grads

DOWN

- 1 Ready-made
- 2 Unspecified number
- 3 Champagnes do this
- 4 Whole bunch
- 5 Shrank (from)
- 6 Group whose work is picking up
- 7 Menace's " — Poetica"
- 8 Bench-press
- 9 Branch
- 10 Dress out
- 11 Vicks VapoRub ingredient
- 12 Ritz homes
- 13 Conception org
- 14 Photog's request
- 15 Water-skier's
- 16 None too brainy
- 17 Quick with the comebacks
- 18 Like W. C. Fields's voice

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

HAPP WEDDIE ADAP
ANLY AXIAL RAGE
HONNANNOFLOVE
RESEARCH AYORA
ONE BAIT
GALAND JANTIVO
AWAGE KATE NIP
WATCHHORNHINIE
HRE BOND LAYON
HREHINATIN HINATIN



Words by Fred Passes

- 38 ——— Annie, of "Oklahoma!"
- 39 Annie — Enoch Arden's wife
- 36 Busybody
- 35 Clio's undoing
- 34 Hershey locale
- 33 Sgt., for one
- 37 Explode
- 44 City on the Yangtze
- 47 Fits of anger
- 46 Piano school assignments
- 45 Word with city or circle
- 55 The "E" in AES
- 56 Unpleasant, as weather
- 58 Impertune
- 59 Package letters
- 60 Dancer Shawn
- 60 Goon

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